

# Zbu language

**Zbu** (Chinese *Ribu* 日部), or **Showu**, is a Rgyalrong language spoken in Sichuan, China.

The Khalong Tibetan language has a Showu (Zbu) substratum, as evident from its phonology and grammar.<sup>[2]</sup>

## Distribution

Gates (2012: 105-106)<sup>[3]</sup> lists the following locations where Zbu is spoken. It is spoken by over 6,000 people in 28 villages.

- Sîdàbà (Written Tibetan: Stod-pa) District of Barkam County: in Kāngshān (Khang-sar) and Rìbù (rDzong-'bur) Townships
- Rangtang County: Wúyī Township and Shili Township, in Shàngdàshígōu, Zhōngdàshígōu, and Xiàdàshígōu Villages. Shili Township also has Shangzhai (sTodsde/Northern Horpa) speakers.
- Gēlètúó Township, Seda County, Ganzi Prefecture: in Tshopo, Nyagluo, Rabde, and Tshekho Villages
- southwestern corner of Ābà/rNga-ba County: in Kēhé and Róngān Townships (Asejie, Mengu, Sharga, Ganba, and Tsega Villages). Amdo Tibetan is the local lingua franca.

Zbu	
Showu	
Native to	China
Region	Sichuan
Native speakers	6,000
Language family	Sino-Tibetan <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Qiangic<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Rgyalrongic<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ rGyalrong<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Zbu</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	(included in jya ( <a href="https://www.ethnologue.com/language/jya">https://www.ethnologue.com/language/jya</a> ))
Glottolog	zbua1234 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/zbua1234">http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/zbua1234</a> ) <sup>[1]</sup>

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